

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A tent, comprising:
a lower portion formed of a water-repellent material;
an upper portion formed of a mesh material; and
a vent in the lower portion.
2. The tent of claim 1, wherein an open side of the vent faces downward when the tent is set up.
3. The tent of claim 1, wherein the vent comprises an upper flap, a lower flap, and a flexible stay extending between the upper and lower flaps.
4. The tent of claim 3, wherein the flexible stay comprises a plurality of segments.
5. The tent of claim 4, wherein the segments each comprise adjacent flat edges.
6. The tent of claim 4, wherein the flexible stay further comprises an elastic cord extending through the segments and tensioning the segments together.

7. The tent of claim 4, wherein the flexible stay further comprises means for biasing the segments into a position to maintain the vent open.

8. The tent of claim 1, wherein the flexible stay is configured and arranged such that the flexible stay is resilient enough to support the vent during use, but is flexible enough so that the vent may be collapsed during storage.

9. The tent of claim 1, further comprising a rain fly positioned above at least a portion of the upper portion.

10. The tent of claim 9, wherein the rain fly comprises an apex and a vent adjacent the apex.

11. A vent for a fabric structure, comprising:
an upper flap;
a lower flap; and
a flexible stay extending between the upper and lower flaps.

12. The vent of claim 11, wherein the flexible stay comprises a plurality of segments.

13. The vent of claim 12, wherein the segments each comprise adjacent flat edges.

14. The vent of claim 13, wherein the flexible stay further comprises an elastic cord extending through the segments and tensioning the segments together.

15. The vent of claim 12, wherein the flexible stay further comprises an elastic cord extending through the segments and tensioning the segments together.

16. The vent of claim 12, wherein the flexible stay further comprises means for biasing the segments into a position to maintain the vent open.

17. The vent of claim 11, wherein the flexible stay is configured and arranged such that the flexible stay is resilient enough to support the vent during use, but is flexible enough so that the vent may be collapsed during storage.

18. The vent of claim 11, wherein the fabric structure is a tent.

19. The vent of claim 11, wherein the fabric structure is a rain fly for a tent.

20. The vent of claim 11, wherein the fabric structure is a canopy.

21. A canopy comprising the vent of claim 11.

22. A tent comprising a rain fly including the vent of claim 11.